

Dayton, Oregon
Sept. 19th

Hi, Vicki & Jim,

Sorry it's been such a long dry spell between letters from home! We've thought about you a lot and even some about coming back to see you this fall-but haven't made any definite commitments to that end as yet-first, we'd want to be sure you'd be home, etc. and that it would be convenient with you-then there's Jerry's homecoming-when will it be?? He wrote last (a couple of weeks ago) that he might be flying to San Diego the last of this month for discharge and then on the other hand he might stay on for the cruise which would end about the first week in Nov. and then they'd stop in both Japan and Hawaii en route home-but he THOUGHT he'd come at the earliest date that he could-then he said there was some kind of a church conference (the one that Louise goes to) about the first part of Oct. and he may stay in Calif. for that so we really don't know just WHEN TO EXPECT him-maybe we'll hear from him again pretty soon-I hope!

How are you two? Those two long weekends in Oct. that you mentioned are the 7,8, and 9th and 21, 22 & 23, I presume-since they're marked as holidays on the PO calendar and Jim gets the same holidays off-I hope you do get to go to Canada and on a hiking trip too, if the weather cooperates-we're having some blustery wind and showers today and also yesterday after a beautiful spell of warm sunny days-(I must have watered too much on Sun. & brought it on!) We have some real nice tomatoes in our garden and the roses are lovely again-and some zinnias-

Grandpa is in a rest home now-I may have written to you since then-for 10 days now-he's about the same-he can't talk very well and sleeps a lot-Francie goes every day and we go almost that often-Ken's back to school now-a week ago-and has been working long hours at the gravel plant-weighing out trucks with gravel for a new freeway -until 1:00 AM two nights last week, anyway-so he was tired on the weekend!

Dad's been working a few days lately on a dress shop remodeling job in Newberg for Mrs. Shadden, of Yamhill, and before that he fixed Francie's well-room

into more of a utility room and getting it ready for her new washer and dryer to arrive- Then he has a house to reroof for Sport at Yamhill and then he 's caught up, I think- We haven't gotten a fireplace for the family room yet and he wants to redo our utility room, putting in a shower out there and a new window, etc-so he does have things he can do to keep him out of mischief-Have I written since we attended the Grabenhorst reunion in Vancouver a week ago? I wrote to Edna & Louise, I know-We had a real nice time and saw a lot of relatives! Larry Powell and his wife live in S. Dakota, now and he has a church there-it's in a university town but I can't remember what it is-Gary and his family were there and Kathryn & Dave and lots of others-Well, I must get back to work- the PM is on the last week of his 3 week vacation and I've been PRETTY BUSY-all afternoon here by myself-noon till about 5:30, & coming at 6:00AM this week to conduct rural mail count on one route-(I have a long noon) I'll be glad when he gets back! Ha-Hope you two are fine and write soon-

Much love,

Mom + Dad